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SUBJEC:FRENCH REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT ON COGEMA/ERDA
CONTRACT FOR REPROCESSING OF MTR FUEL ELEMENTS

REF: PARIS 17710

1. PER REQUEST IN REFTTEL, WE ARE TRANSMITTING HEREWITH
TEXT OF LETTER DATED JUNE 16, 1977 TO MR. BERNARD
LEMAIL-CHATEAU OF COGEMA FROM MR. C.G. HALSTED OF ERDA:

QUOTE DEAR MR. LEMAIL:

MY LETTER TO YOU OF MARCH 8, 1977 SUMMARIZED THE STATUS OF
YOUR SPENT FUEL REPROCESSING CONTRACT. AT THE TIME WE HAD
JUST RECEIVED AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH YOU AND
HAD JUST STARTED TO WORK ON YOUR CONTRACT. SO MUCH HAS
HAPPENED SINCE THEN THAT IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO REVIEW
THE STATUS OF VARIOUS ITEMS AGAIN. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF
ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE INCORRECT.

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1. THE BASE CONTRACT, MODIFICATION 1, AND THE APPENDIX A
AGREEMENT FOR RHF FUEL HAVE ALL BEEN SIGNED BY BOTH ERDA
AND COGEMA. WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE RHF FUEL AS SOON AS
YOUR IMPORT LICENSE IS ISSUED.

2. MODIFICATION 2, ADDING THE DANISH AND SWISS REACTORS
TO THE CONTRACT, IS ALMOST COMPLETE. WE EXPECT TO MAIL

IT TO YOU BEFORE THE END OF JUNE.

3. APPENDIX A AGREEMENTS FOR BR-2, EL-3, OSIRIS, PEGASE, TRITON, AND SILOE STANDARD AND CONTROL FUELS ARE COMPLETE. WE EXPECT TO MAIL THEM BEFORE THE END OF JUNE ALSO.

4. WE HAVE JUST STARTED TO PREPARE THE APPENDIX A AGREEMENTS FOR SILOE SYMMETRICAL, DISYMMETRICAL, AND 2 CHOUCAS FUELS AND MODIFICATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL COST OF PROCESSING THESE FUELS. WE HOPE TO MAIL THIS PACKAGE BY JULY 15.

5. WE HAVE REVIEWED APPENDIX A DATA FOR DR-2, DR-3, AND ESSOR FUELS AND HAVE FORWARDED QUESTIONS TO YOU. ESSOR IS NOT COVERED BY THE ENRICHMENT CONTRACT. SHOULD WE PREPARE A MODIFICATION TO ADD IT?

6. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED APPENDIX A DESCRIPTIONS OF CABRI, MALUSINE, OR MINERVE FUELS. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THOSE FUELS?

7. THE IU.04 CASK IS APPROVED FOR RHF, SILOE, PEGASE, TRITON, AND OSIRIS FUELS WITH 26 PERCENT URANIUM. WE CAN AUTHORIZE DELIVERY OF THESE FUELS AS SOON AS THE APPENDIX A AGREEMENTS ARE SIGNED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE PREPARING A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT FOR THE CASK CONTAIN-
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ING BR-2, DR-2, DR-3, EL-3, AND OSIRIS FUEL WITH 35 PERCENT URANIUM. WE WILL NEED A COPY OF THIS REPORT AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE YOU PLAN TO DELIVER ANY OF THESE FUELS.

8. WE HAVE RECEIVED PRELIMINARY PACKING LISTS FOR 4 SHIPMENTS OF RHF, 4 SHIPMENTS OF DR-3, 6 SHIPMENTS OF OSIRIS, AND 1 SHIPMENT OF PEGASE FUEL. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED OUR REVIEW, THEY APPEAR TO BE EXCELLENT PLANNING DOCUMENTS. WE ASSUME THAT FINAL COPIES OF THESE LISTS WILL BE COMPLETED AS THE CASK IS LOADED AND THAT THE ASSEMBLY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS WILL BE CHECKED AS EACH ASSEMBLY IS LOADED INTO THE CASK. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE FUEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON THE FINAL VERSION OF THIS LIST BE EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON THE ASSEMBLY.

NOW THAT DELIVERIES ARE IMMINENT WE SHOULD ALSO REVIEW THE DOCUMENTATION THAT WILL BE NEEDED FOR EACH SHIPMENT. U.S. REGULATIONS REQUIRE US TO BE SURE OF ALL SHIPMENTS ENROUTE TO OUR SITE. WE WILL THEREFORE, NEED A TELETYPE

FROM YOU WHEN EACH SHIPMENT DEPARTS YOUR FACILITY. IN

ADDITION, WE WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. A PACKING LIST GIVING THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF EACH ASSEMBLY IN THE CASK, THE IRRADIATION HISTORY, AND THE PRE AND POST IRRADIATION COMPOSITION OF EACH ASSEMBLY. PRELIMINARY COPIES OF SOME OF THESE LISTS WERE FORWARDED WITH YOUR LETTER OF MAY 17, 1977 (SEE ABOVE). WE ASSUME THAT THE FINAL VERSIONS WILL BE TYPED.
2. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL, IT WOULD HELP TO HAVE A SKETCH SHOWING THE LOCATION OF EACH ASSEMBLY WITHIN THE CASK. THIS SKETCH WILL NOT BE NEEDED FOR RHF FUEL.
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TWO COPIES OF EACH OF THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE AIRMAILED TO US WHEN THE SHIPMENT DEPARTS. A THIRD COPY SHOULD TRAVEL WITH THE SHIPMENT. THIS TRAVELING COPY SHOULD BE IN A LOCATION WHERE IT WILL NOT BE LOST, BUT WHERE WE CAN FIND IT BEFORE OPENING THE CASK.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR FIRST SHIPMENT OF FUEL.

SINCERELY,
C.G. HALSTED, JR., CHIEF UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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